पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जॅड. आर. अंसारी): (क) 27 शहरों में केन्द्रीय गंगा प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत कुल निर्माण व्ययों में से उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार तथा पश्चिम बंगाल के 10 शहरों में 34 स्कीमों पर कार्य आरम्भ हो चुका है । कृषि भूमि का और उससे प्रदूषण की समस्याओं पर सीधे कार्य नहीं किया जा रहा है । गंगा कार्यकारी योजना में मुख्य बल नगर के अपशिष्टों से होने वाले प्रदूषण को कम करने पर है । प्रदूषण से कृषि भूमि पर पडने वाले प्रभार या उससे पैदा होने वाला प्रदूषण इस योजना का अंग नहीं है ।

(ख) तथा (ग) अपशिष्ट जल एवं अतमल को उपचार के पश्चात क्रमशः सिंचाई हेतु एवं खाद के रूप में प्रयोग किया जा सकता है । गंगा कर्यकारी योजना के तहत इन योजनाओं में यह अभिकल्पित किया गया है कि जहां कहीं उपयुक्त हो, मलजल उपचार संयंत्रों में ऐसे कार्यों को शामिल किया जाएगा ।

Creation of Technology Development Fund

255. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to create a Technology Development Fund for providing finance for upgrading indigenous research process from pilot plan level ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such processes already developed in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Council of Agricultural Research and other laboratories, including P.L. 480 Projects on some of which even patents were taken out years ago ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ELECTRONICS, SPACE AND ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Government has recognised the imprtance of investments on pilot plants, process demonstration units and prototype development in the commercial exploitation of technology developed in the laboratories. The TPIC had constituted a working group to examine the need for setting up a national industrial R&D fund. The report of the working group has been examined by the TPIC. The proposed fund envisages support for upgrading indigenous research efforts from pilot plant level. The Government is yet to take a final decision on this.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

X-Ray Havoc at BEL Plant

256. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Times of India of 2nd April, 1986 regarding X-ray havoc at Bharat Electronics Limited plant at Ghaziabad with the direct exposure of unprotected workers to the deadliest microwave radiation causing serious health hazards; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to provide adequate protection to the workers from the radiation hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Transmitter of the radar system has adequate safeguards against all possible hazards including protection against X-ray radiation through lead shields. Measurements and tests conducted by Bhabha